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1. The Hungarian delegation to the Spanish Republican Congress in Paris, composed of László Rajk, Hungarian Minister of the Interior, Ferenc Munnich, Chief of Hungarian Police, Deputy Prime Minister Mátyás Rákosi's personal secretary, and Colonel Szalvay, departed for Budapest on 2 December.

2. The Hungarian Independence Movement in France recommended to the delegation that strict control be maintained over Hungarian passports, particularly regarding the issuance of them to members of the pro-Western Hungarian opposition groups abroad, and complained that Pal Auer, Hungarian Minister to France, had not permitted a payment of funds from the Legation requested by the Movement.

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(comment: The Movement recently obtained 10,000 Swiss francs from the Hungarian Communist Party and it is believed that additional funds have been obtained by appropriating a share of the charity drive funds sponsored by the movement.)

3. Rajk, in an address at Hungarian House, the Movement's Paris headquarters, stated that the fight against reactionary elements abroad would be prosecuted more vigorously than ever. He warned that the passports of those persons who left Hungary after 1939 would be invalidated.

4. An executive committee of the Movement, including Fuchs, Breuer, Kiss and Vagassy, were to meet with Rajk for the purpose of requesting the recall of First Secretary Zoltan Nemestoti from the Hungarian Legation, but Rajk's conferences with French officials kept him from calling the planned meeting. It is reported that the Movement has 2,000 members in France.

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(comment: Breuer is the director of the Movement in Paris, and Fuchs and Gertler are his assistants.)

5. When Munnich returned to Budapest, he is said to have made derogatory remarks against Michael Zoldhelyi who fought in the French Resistance and Spanish Civil War as Commandant Michel and Commandante Santiago, respectively. Zoldhelyi, who had been asked to reorganize and command the new unified Hungarian security organization, has declared that he will apply for French citizenship which has been promised him as a reward for his services in the Resistance forces.

6. At a reception given by Gyorgy Szakasits, Hungarian Charge d'Affaires to the Giral Government, Giral's representative confidentially stated "Commandante Santiago is one of our national heroes."

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